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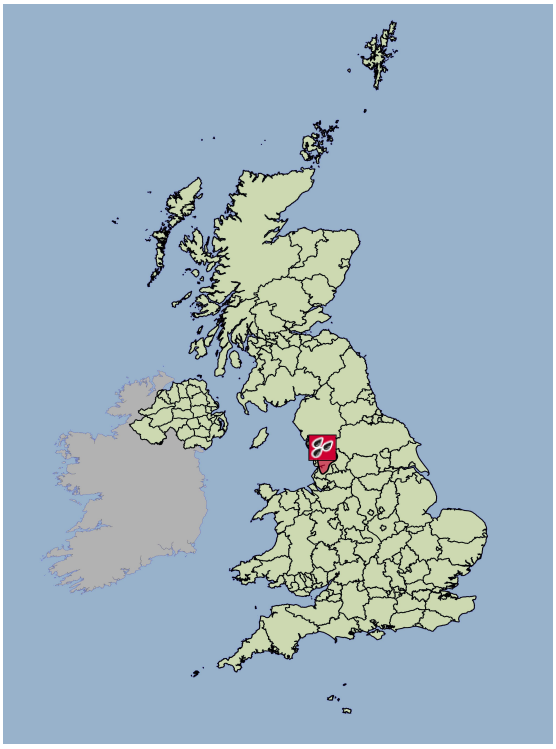

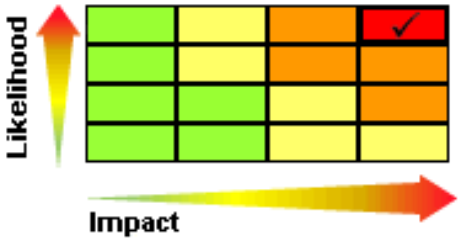

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A band of rain will become slow-moving for a time today across Lancashire. 50 to 80 mm is expected to fall in a 6 to 9 hour period through to early afternoon, with over 100 mm likely over high ground over a longer period of time, encompassing some rain which has already fallen. This is expected to lead to widespread river flooding, whilst the shorter-period accumulations will result in surface water flooding.

The Met Office have issued a **Red Warning** of **Rain**

Valid from **07:10 on Sat, 26th Dec 2015** until **21:00 on Sat, 26th Dec 2015**

Heavy and persistent rain will continue to affect parts of Lancashire through the course of Boxing Day. The heaviest rain is expected to occur this morning, before easing for a time this afternoon. A further spell of heavy rain is then likely this evening before a clearance takes place from the northwest.

Very severe weather conditions are expected. Take action to remain safe and protect property. Widespread flooding will lead to severe disruption to travel and danger to life.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Issued by the Met Office at 07:00 on Sat, 26th Dec 2015

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- North West England
  - Lancashire

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